The EDI Wave

Riding the Wave

Trading Partner Stats

Seven of our eight pilot Trading Partners (TP) are receiving Delivery Orders (DOs) via EDI. These are EETCO (Feb. 1997), Applied Technology, Inc. and Safety-Kleen (Aug 19, 1997), Moheat and CSI (Sept 22, 1997), Philip Environmental National Services (Dec 17, 1997), and American Environmental Services (Mar 1998). The other partner is Chem-Met and they have yet to begin testing.

The seven TPs in production account for approximately 50 percent of our hazardous waste business (based on contract dollars). For July and August 1998, we issued 720 Delivery Orders via EDI. A breakout is as follows: Safety-Kleen - 313; Philip - 183; ATI - 79; AES – 72; Moheat - 37; CSI - 24; and EETCO - 12.

SURF THE WEB FOR EDI INFO

(By Sherri Underwood)

When you are out surfing the WWW, here are some interesting links to check out:

Cleveland Electronic Commerce Resource Center: www.ecrc.camp.org/

Central Contractor Registration: ccr.edi.disa.mil or http://www.ccr.dlsc.dla.mil/

Federal EDI Secretariat: snad.ncsl.nist.gov/dartg/edi/fededi-info.html

Introduction to DoD EC: www.acq.osd.mil/ec/newhandbook/toc/toc.htm

Value Added Network Providers: www.acq.osd.mil/ec/van_list.htm

Data Interchange Standards Association: www.disa.org

EC Reference Links: www.acq.osd.mil/ec/links_frame.htm

United States Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov

Additionally, there is a mailing list for Electronic Commerce and Electronic Data Interchange information. For general EDI discussions, you can subscribe to the EDI List by sending an e-mail message to: listserv@uccvma.ucop.edu. The text of the message should only contain the following: subscribe edi-l

DoDAAC

In April 1998, we sent our TPs an Internet address to the DoD Activity Address Directory. With this directory, the TP can enter a DoDAAC

and retrieve the associated address (the same address that is printed out on the hardcopy Delivery Order (DD Form 1155). Once we go paperless, the TP will use this directory to get the pick up address. The directory is easily accessible and easy to use. The address given at that time has changed to the following: http://daynt2.daas.dla.mil/webdodaac

I have noticed that the first address shown is the same as that printed on the hardcopy DO. The query can be printed out and kept with the 850 printout. It might be advantageous for contractors to set up their own database of pickup locations. Contractors may want to start using the Web query now to get in the habit before we go paperless.

Hazardous Waste Symposium

DRMS hosted their 1998 Hazardous Waste Disposal Contracting Symposium on July 14-15, 1998 here in Battle Creek. There were 46 attendees representing 26 commercial firms and 55 attendees representing DRMS and DLIS. Numerous topics were discussed. Some of the topics were: Central Contractor Registration; EDI; ECRCs; Transfer of Function; What's New in Hazardous Waste Contracting; Universal Waste; and Revision of Bid Schedule and/or CLIN Structure and Workshop. Many good ideas were exchanged and we were glad to see all of our current trading partners at the symposium.

Who is DAASC?

The Defense Automatic Addressing Systems Center (DAASC) is the data communications services provider for DLA. This EDI hub is located in Dayton, Ohio. DAASC's primary mission is the accurate routing of electronic logistics requisitions between federal activities. DRMS uses DAASC to move EDI Delivery Order data to our trading partner's Value Added Network (VAN). The VAN then passes this data on to you, our HW Disposal Contractors.   Each VAN requires different communication and access procedures, which causes extra work for projects that have many trading partners. Since DAASC does all the work involved in communicating with 30 different (VANs), this makes transferring data easy and transparent. For more information about DAASC, visit their WWW site at: http://trafe2.daas.dla.mil.

EDI and Year 2000 Compliance

(by Sherri Underwood)

As discussed in our Hazardous Waste Contracting Symposium in July, part of ensuring BOSS Hazardous is Y2K compliant is moving to a newer version of EDI standards. We currently use American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 EDI version 3050 for issuing Delivery Orders (Transaction Sets 850, 855 and 997). DoD's EDI Y2K implementation guidance for mission critical systems requires the use of version 4010.   This is advance notice that we plan to migrate our transaction sets to version 4010 as part of the BOSS Hazardous Re-host. Currently DRMS is scheduled for BOSS Hazardous Environment Testing/Initial Operations Capability in Jan/Feb 99. We are working to update our mapping guidelines for the new version. The new guides should be available for distribution to our production trading partners by October.

EDI User's Guide

Copies of the DRMS Hazardous Waste Disposal EDI User's Guide were distributed at the Hazardous Waste Symposium mentioned above. A copy can be requested by contacting a POC listed below. We developed the guide in order to assist contractors in making decisions regarding EDI implementation and to enhance the understanding of the EDI process as it relates to doing business with DRMS. The guide will be updated periodically for any changes (i.e., version 4010). This will be done by sending out replacement pages that can be slip-sheeted into the guide. Call or write for your copy today.

Who Ya Gonna Call???

Thinking about surfing the EDI Wave but are feeling spooked by all of the strange nuances? You know, things like "VANs", " 855s", "mapping", and "implementation conventions", …sounds like some mysterious car rental agency with bad directions to a strategic planning conference. Where do you go for help?

Well don't call Ghostbusters… call your regional Electronic Commerce Resource Center (ECRC)! The ECRCs are a network of DoD funded centers whose mission is to assist DoD vendors and agencies in implementing Electronic Commerce (EC) technologies such as the Internet and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) with their business practices.

The seventeen regional ECRCs offer training, consultation and tools to help you find new business and improve your existing business practices with the DoD, your trading partners and other federal agencies. They also provide a variety of Internet resources like the EDI VAN/Software selection tool that is located at: http://ectools.camp.org/ecedi/index.html

So don't be afraid to call them today to see how their numerous free services can help your company become more efficient and competitive! For companies in the Great Lakes region call the Cleveland ECRC at 1-888-991-3272, or find your regional ECRC on the World-Wide-Web at: http://www.ecrc.camp.org/ecrclocations.html

Communicate

DRMS is interested in receiving your opinion and input. Please submit your questions, concerns or ideas to one of the POCs listed below. DRMS is here to work with the Trading Partners so that all can "Ride the Wave". Direct questions will be answered to the interested party. Issues that affect all will be addressed in the next issue of the EDI Wave. Hope to hear from you. Let's keep the lines of communication open.

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